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### **Idaho May Red Meat Production Down 12 Percent from Last Year**

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2011 totaled 13.9 million pounds, down 12 percent from May of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2011 period totaled 69.8 million pounds, down 16 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in May, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010. Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.54 million head, up 7 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago. January to May 2011 commercial red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

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